

# Facilitation and Constraints for TD Collaboration in Institutions and Organizations

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# Panel Questions

- 1) How do you define transdisciplinary collaboration and why is it vital to scientific endeavor?
- 2) What factors impose the greatest constraints on scientists' efforts to launch TD collaborations?
- 3) How have institutional factors in your organization or discipline enhance or impede the development of transdisciplinary initiatives?
- 4) Is TD collaboration easier or more successful in some contexts than others? If so, what factors enhance its success?
- 5) What steps can scientists who aspire to do TD work take to ameliorate the constraints on such collaborative initiatives and overcome the disincentives imposed by organizations, institutions and/or disciplines?
- 6) Can we expect increased institutional commitment to TD collaboration in the future? Why or why not? How can we increase the receptivity and commitment of our organizations and institutions to experiment with TD collaboration?